

**SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
PUBLIC CEMETERIES IN THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON**

Cemetery grounds are primarily for the use of grave lot owners and the families and friends of the deceased. Although they are public and exist primarily for the resting place of past generations, Barrington cemeteries are community resources offering places of serenity and beauty for quiet reminiscences and meditation.

All graves in the public cemeteries in the Town of Barrington are by law (ref: Town Charter Title 16, Chapter 1; RI General Laws Title 23, Chapter 18) subject to the rules and regulations now in effect or which may from time to time be amended and adopted by the Barrington Cemetery Commission.

1. The price of graves will be set by the Commission and includes normal perpetual care.  
However there will be an additional grounds maintenance charge based on the size and/or type of marker or stone installed.
2. Maintenance of any marker or stone is the sole responsibility of the owner.
3. Deed transfers or deed assignments shall not be made, and shall be void, without the prior written approval of the Commission.
4. Interments and dis-interments shall be made only with the prior written approval of the Commission or its designated representative.
5. Graves may be purchased only by present or former residents of the Town of Barrington for their own personal use, or use by their heirs and their assigns.
6. Full payment for the purchase of graves must be received prior to interment.
7. Burial charges, payable to the Commission, and the burial certificate, both usually provided and paid for through the funeral director, must be received prior to any interment.
8. Every earth interment, including cremated remains, must include the use of a permanent type vault or container approved by the Superintendent of Cemetery Operations.
9. Workmen, in whatever capacity employed to do work at a Cemetery, must obtain prior written approval from the Superintendent of Cemetery Operations. They must carry off all rubbish they generate and are responsible for all damages incurred by their operations.
10. The grade of any grave shall not be changed without the prior written consent of the Superintendent of Cemetery Operations.
11. Funeral processions upon entering a cemetery are in the charge of the Superintendent of Cemetery Operations, or his/her designee.
12. Grave markers or stones must be made of granite, marble or bronze. Their location, design, size, color, composition and installation must be approved in writing by the Commission or its designee prior to installation. Temporary markers or stones are not permitted.
13. A single raised marker or stone will be permitted on lots of two (2) or more adjacent graves. Only flat markers or stones set level with the ground may be placed on single graves.
14. Burials shall be limited to one full burial and three (3) cremated remains, or four (4) cremated remains, per single grave.
15. Permitted plantings are restricted to annuals or perennial flowers provided the planting(s) is

confined to a space at the head of a grave one foot from the front of the marker or stone and not exceeding the width of the marker or stone. No planting in the ground is permitted at lawn-level markers or stones. However, cut flowers, wreaths or moveable containers may be accepted. The Cemetery prohibits borders which may interfere with proper mowing, as well as the use of objects of glass, ceramic, wood or metal which are considered inappropriate or dangerous to the maintenance of the grounds.

16. The Commission or Superintendent of Cemetery Operations shall have the right to cause the removal from any grave of any item, floral decorations, monumental structures, effigies or inscriptions, the retention of which in their judgment shall be dangerous, improper, inconvenient or detrimental to the appearance, condition or maintenance of the cemetery.
17. No sledding or other recreational activity is permitted in any Town cemetery.
18. Dogs or other pets are not allowed on cemetery properties.
19. The Commission reserves the right to amend or modify these Rules and Regulations, when in its judgment, such action is necessary.

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Please contact a Commission member or the Superintendent of Cemetery Operations on questions of interpretation or matters not specifically covered by the Rules and Regulations herewith. Proposal for appeal or variance to the Barrington Cemetery Commission must be made in writing and received in the office of the Barrington Town Clerk ten (10) days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission in order to be placed on the meeting agenda. The Barrington Cemetery Commission shall answer an appeal or variance in writing within sixty (60) days of the meeting at which the appeal is presented.

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Although provided for by the Town Charter, in recent years no appropriations have been necessary for cemetery operations. Operating funds have been provided primarily from the sale of graves and services, and from contributors who have made endowment bequests. Your consideration of a memorial bequest will be appreciated.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_,  
of \_\_\_\_\_ as purchaser (s) of  
Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Grave No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery.

have received a copy of the "Summary of Rules and Regulations of the Public Cemeteries in the Town of Barrington" prior to purchase. I understand them, and agree to abide by them.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The above summary was adopted by unanimous vote of the Cemetery Commission on March 14, 2001 and is effective April 1, 2001.

Barrington Cemetery Commission

D. Peter Shaw, Chairman

Sarah P. Small

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